

Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 01.20.16
Merrimack Town Hall, Memorial Conference Room
7:00pm

Attendees: Laura Jaynes, Jackie Flood, Dan Ricker, Christine Lavoie, Rick Greenier – MYA, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club, Cinda Guagliumi – School Board and Michelle Cushman
Parks and Recreation Director: Matt Casparius

Absent:

Excused: Julie Poole, Melissa Kowalewski, Nick Kropelin, Dan Dwyer – Town Council, and Chris Christensen

Public: Anthony Scola, Karen Scola, Gianne Cruz, Christine Hugh, Tracy Beauregard and Tasha Parker

Start time: 7:02pm

- 1 Open Meeting/Introduction
- 2 Approval of minutes from November 18th, 2015
 - Maureen Hall made the motion to accept the November Meeting Minutes
 - Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion
 - 7-0-1 motion passed
- 3 New Business
 - Eagle Scout Project Proposal – Nick LaRoche
 - Installing posts in ground for solar flood lights around Wasserman Park to make the area safer and more visible
 - Estimation of cost is \$1200 - 1500 and the suggestions for fundraisers are bake sales and crowd funding
 - Motion sensors would be part of the lights so the lights would have a certain amount of time to stay on
 - Dan Ricker asked how long the lights need to charge and concern about trees and brush getting in the way
 - Matt Casparius said that the Public Works have a post digger and that could save cost
 - Nick LaRoche suggested that saving the cost of the digger could go towards more posts and lighting
 - Rick Greenier made the motion to accept the proposal to install flood lights at Wasserman Park
 - Christine Lavoie 2nd the motion
 - 8-0-0 motion passed
 - Lacrosse Practice Wall Proposal – Item tabled to a future meeting as presenter wasn't ready in time for the meeting.
 - Recognition of Community Volunteer – Dan Hock, Merrimack Flower Shop for decorating the Abbie Griffin Park Bandstand for Christmas each year.

- Event Proposal – Color Run at Wasserman Park - Thornton’s Ferry and Masticola PTF
 - Gianne Cruz, President of the Thornton’s Ferry and Masticola PTF, presented fundraising event called Color-A-Thon
 - Safe, ego friendly color power dust will be showered at 4 different colorful zone locations during the 1 mile course at Wasserman Park for students at Thornton and Masticola schools
 - June 3rd would be the event date and 3:30pm as the first of five wave start time
 - Rick Greenier asked if Reeds Ferry School was contacted to join the event and Gianne said she didn’t hear back and would love a contact person for the school
 - Fundraising and expenses would be split equally through the schools
 - Cinda Guagliumi asked about the actual throwing of color dust and Gianne explained the adult volunteer would be in charge of this and it would not include throwing from the neck up
 - Color Dust Party would follow the event
 - Maureen Hall recommended using a radio station for help
 - Rick Greenier made the motion to accept the fundraiser event called Color-A-thon
 - Jackie Flood 2nd the motion
 - 8-0-0 motion passed

4 Old Business

- Completion of Eagle Project – Jacob Parker
 - Eagle Troup 41 finished the archery platform
 - Matt Casparius presented Jacob Parker with certificate
- Update from the Friends of the Merrimack Dog Park - Christine Lavoie
 - Financial Update
 - Income Received \$900
 - Expenses \$22.05
 - Net Balance \$28,345.72 + \$25,000 (Pet Safe) = \$53,345.72
 - Next fundraiser is selling of bricks at the Winter Carnival
 - Hospital donated bins for disposable waste bags
- Update on Disc Golf Course
 - Indie Go Go is their crowd funding idea
- Review of Recreation Revolving Fund Draft Policy
 - Matt Casparius will attend the Town Council Meeting – January 28th
 - Budget is submitted in October for July of following year to following June
 - Revolving fund allows other programs to be added during the year at any time and any money left over does not go back to General Fund and would stay in the Parks and Recreation Budget

5 Director's Report - Matt Casparius

- Budget update
 - January 7th Matt Casparius and Chris Christenson attended the Town Council present budget
 - Proposed Part time Year Round maintenance position for 20 hours week was reduced down to 36 hours for the year.

- Had proposed increasing the 4th of July budget by \$10,000 and the Town Manager's Office reduced the increase to \$5,000 which will be put towards the fireworks.
- Summer Camp
 - Registration opened on 01.11.16
 - Hiring update is on track but still looking for a Camp Director
- Wasserman Park Improvements Update
 - Water Line installation has been pushed off from December
- Report on Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting
 - December 6th with estimated with 600 people in attendance
 - Only one issue with the sound system
 - Plaques were made and given for the floats and a \$25 gift card to Walmart
- 24th Annual Winter Carnival – February 20th
 - 20 groups have signed up
- Update on Lions Club Project at Wasserman Park
 - Cabin 12 was adopted by the Lions Club and they have started fixing it up
- Winter Brochure
 - Winter and Summer Brochures are complete

6 Organization Reports

- Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall
 - Elections of officers were held
 - Bruce Rasmussen is President
 - Ron Farland is Vice President
 - Beatrice Lampen is is Secretary
 - More members have joined
 - March 10th Bus Trip for The Young Islanders is sold out
 - Installation Dinner is February 12th
- MYA - Rick Greenier
 - Basketball and wresting currently in session
 - Registration is now open for softball, baseball, spring soccer
- Town Council –Dan Dwyer – not present
- School Board – Cinda Guagliumi
 - Budget was moved to next phase
 - March 8th – deliver budget
 - Track is up for replacement because track is unsafe and beyond repair and roof for Middle School needs repair

7 Comments from the Public - was nothing

8 Comments from the Committee - was nothing

9 Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, February 17th
- Wednesday, March 16th

10 – Adjourn at 8:20pm

- Cinda Guagliumi made the motion to adjourn at 8:20pm

- Maureen Hall 2nd the motion
- 8-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Cushman